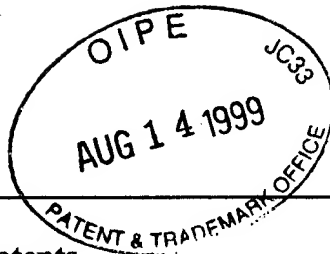


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International Application No. PCT/EP97/02155

Applicant: MEZZALIRA, Rinaldo

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A copy of the Published International Application PCT/EP97/02155 is attached. A combined Declaration/Authorization, and Assignment (with Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet), both duly executed by the inventor, are attached. A Small Entity Statement duly executed by the Assignee is attached. A check in the amount of US\$ 460.00 to cover the basic national fee under 37 CFR 1.492(a)(5) (US\$ 420.00) and assignment recording fee (US\$ 40.00) is attached.

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